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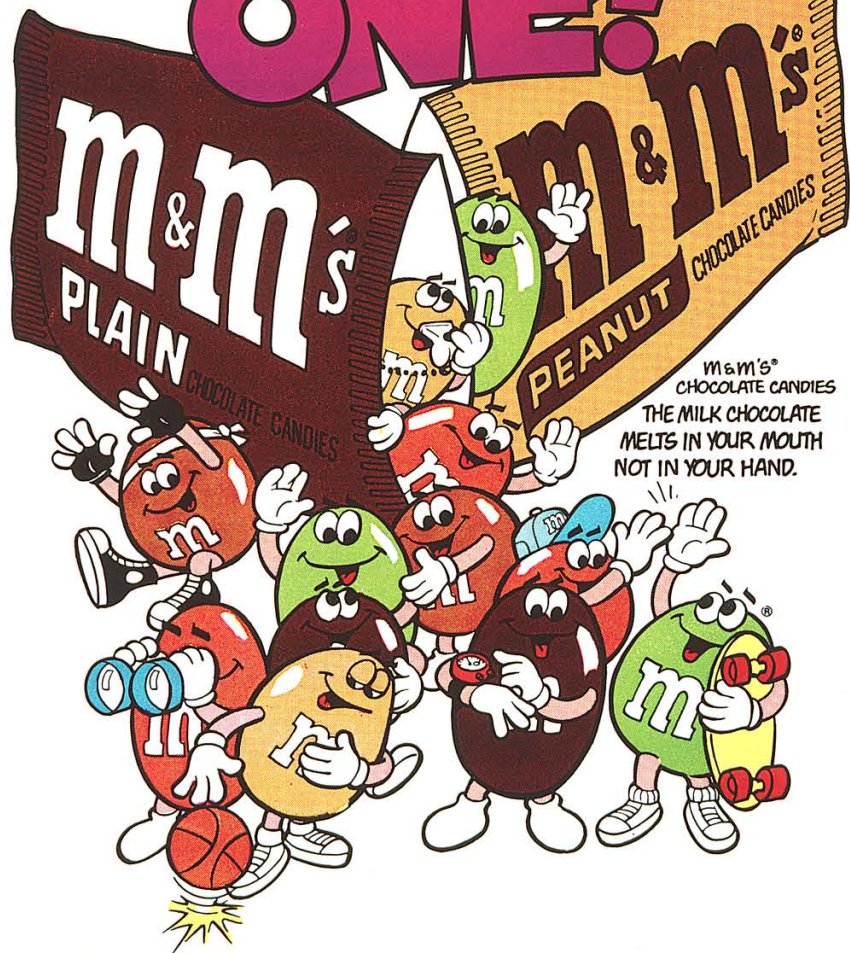
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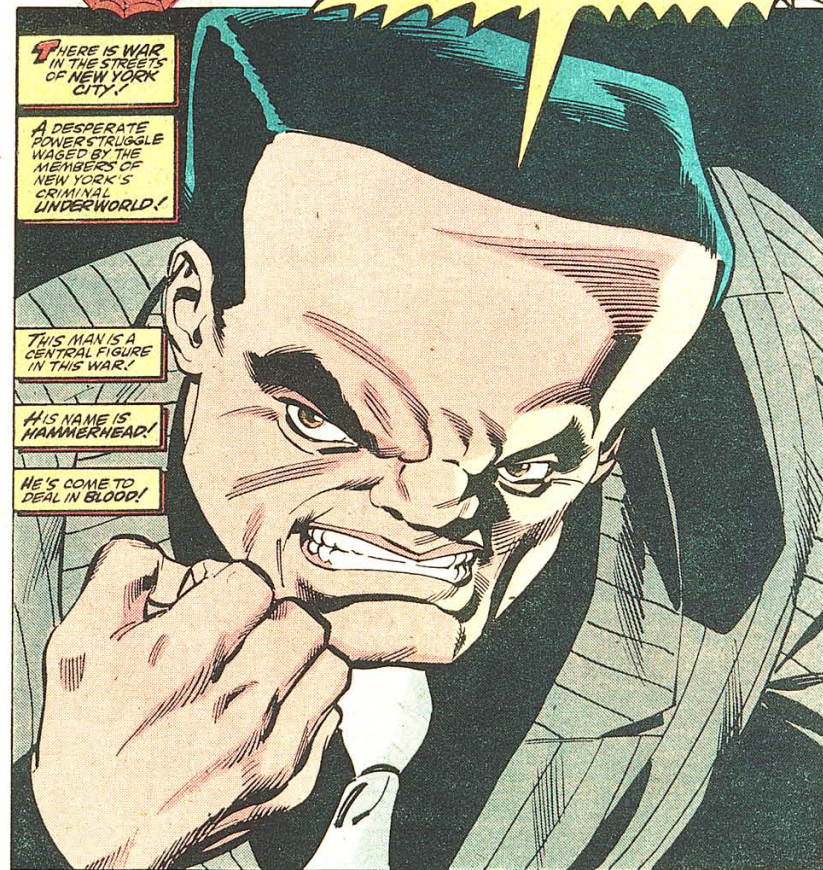
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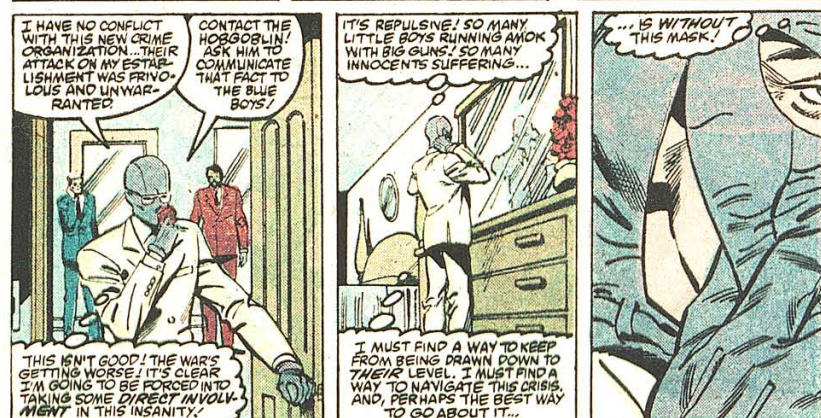
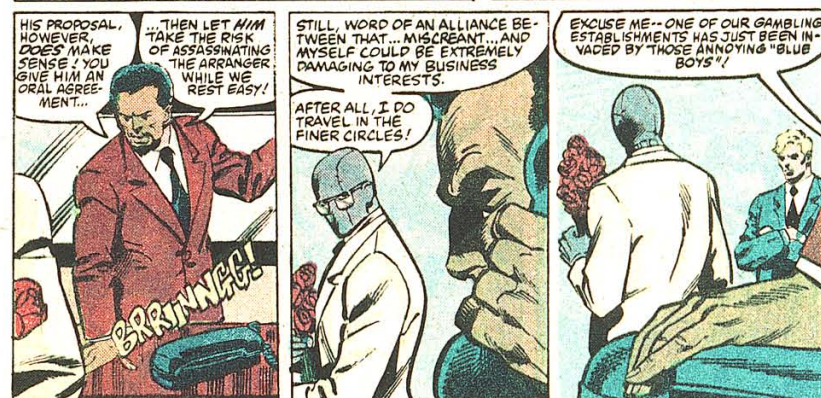
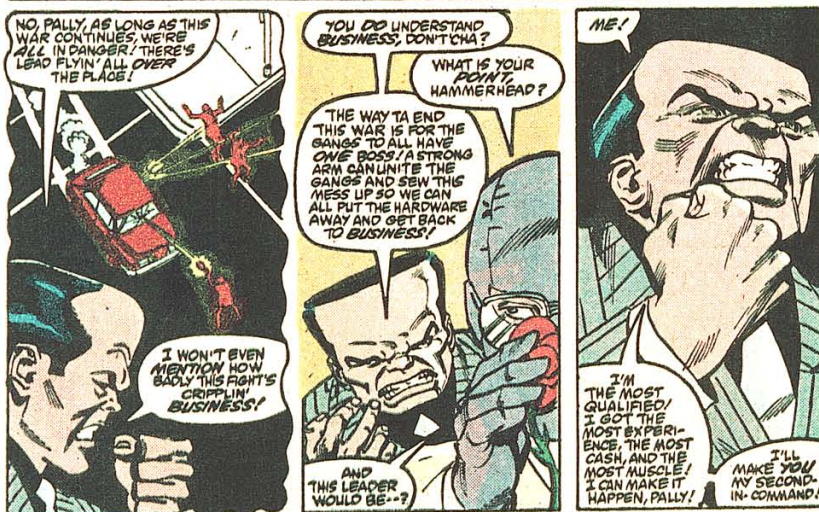
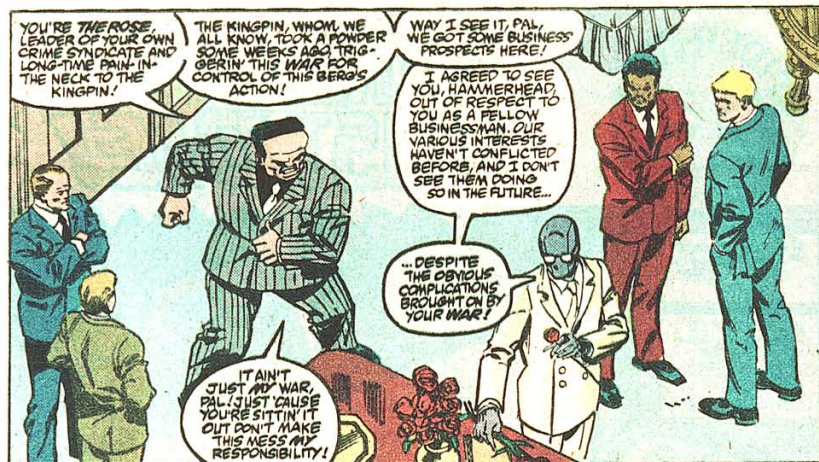
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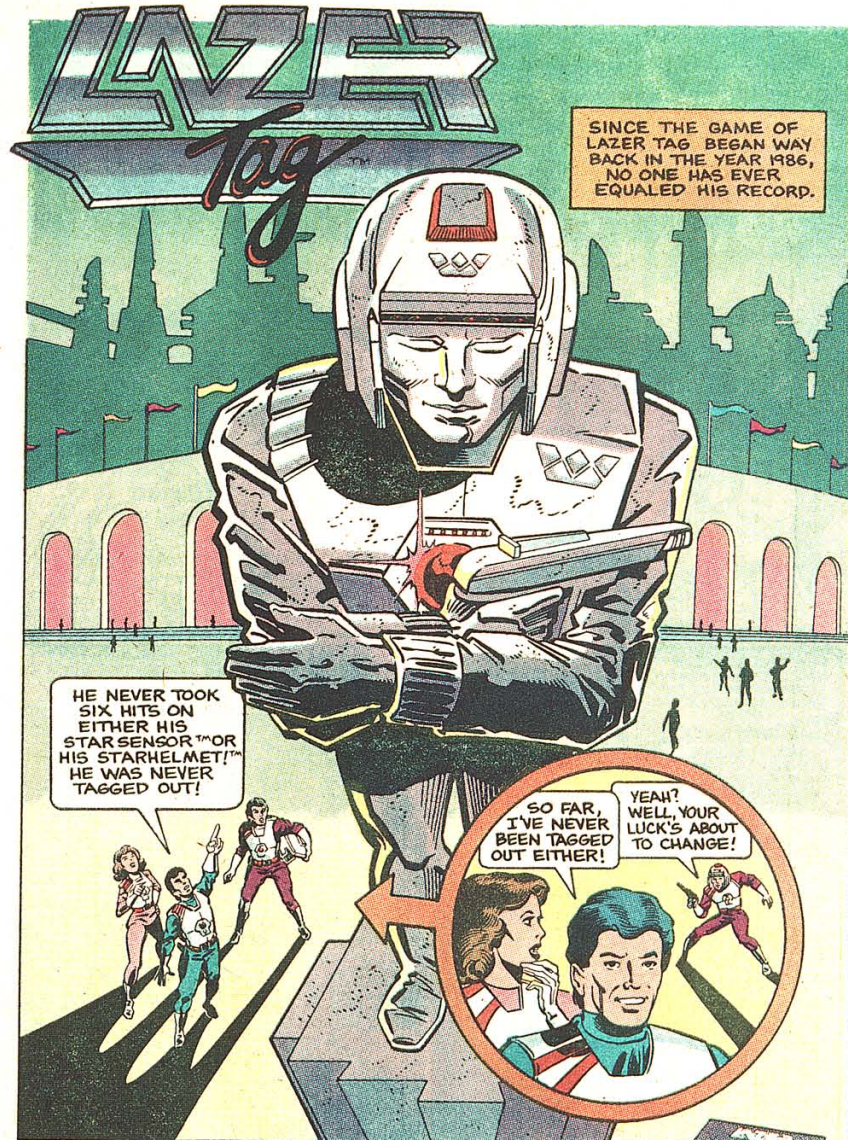
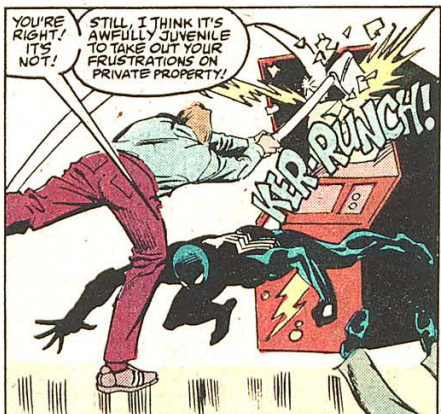
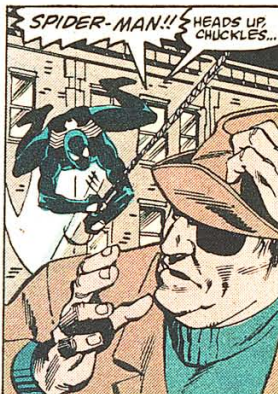


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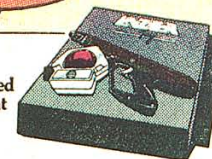
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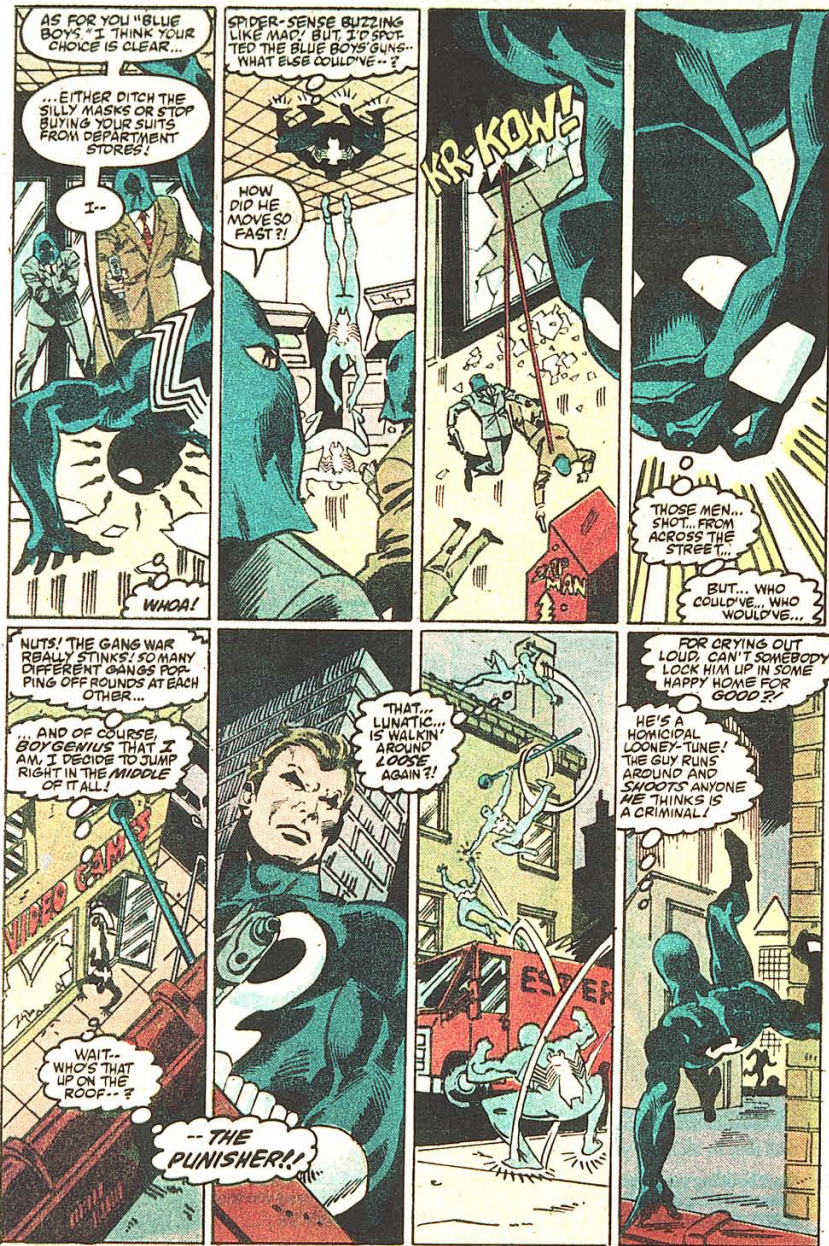


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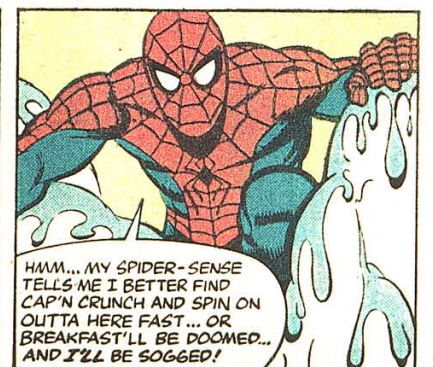
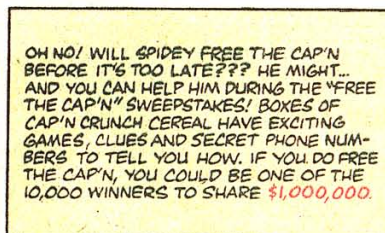
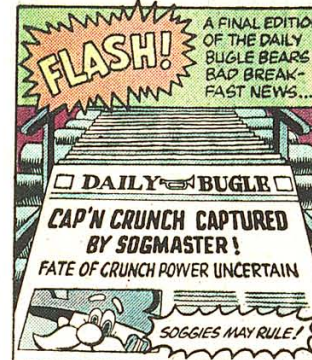
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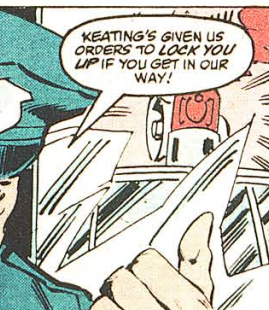
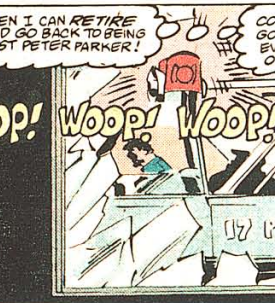
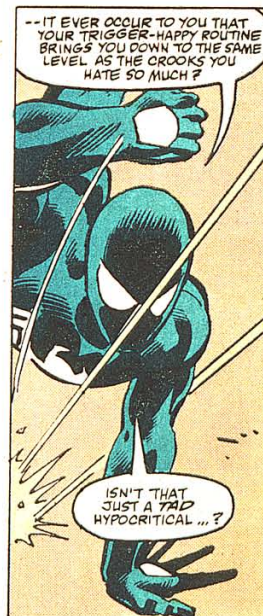
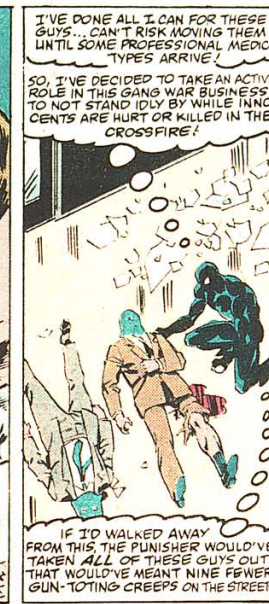
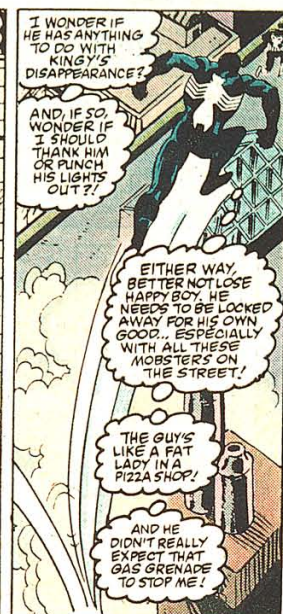
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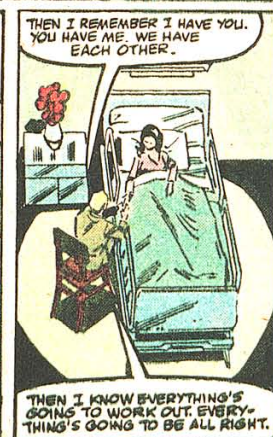
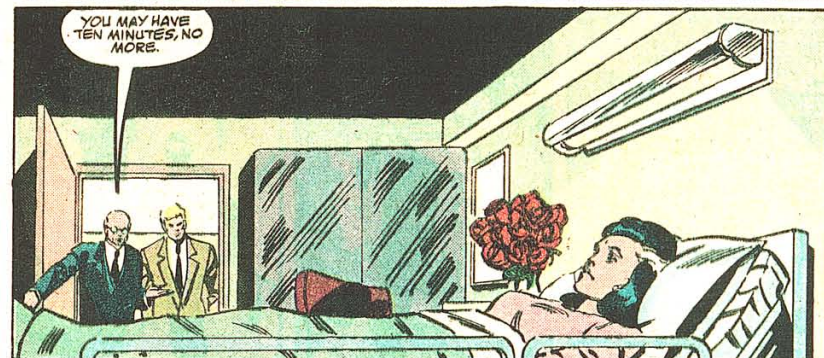
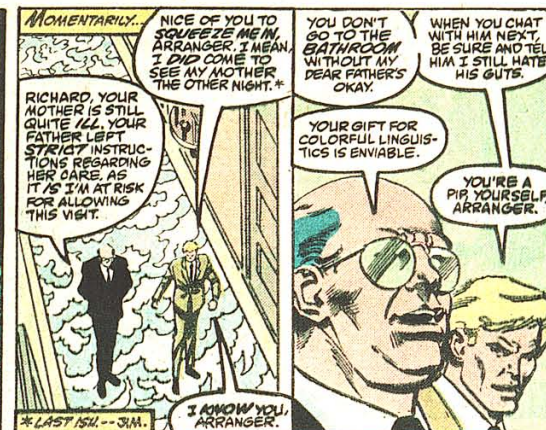
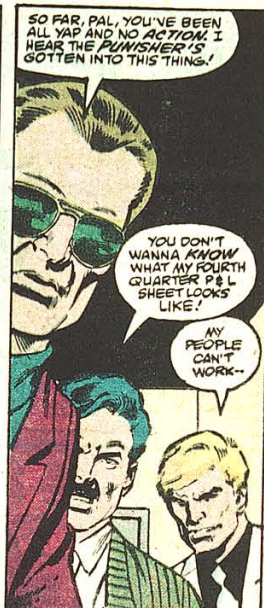
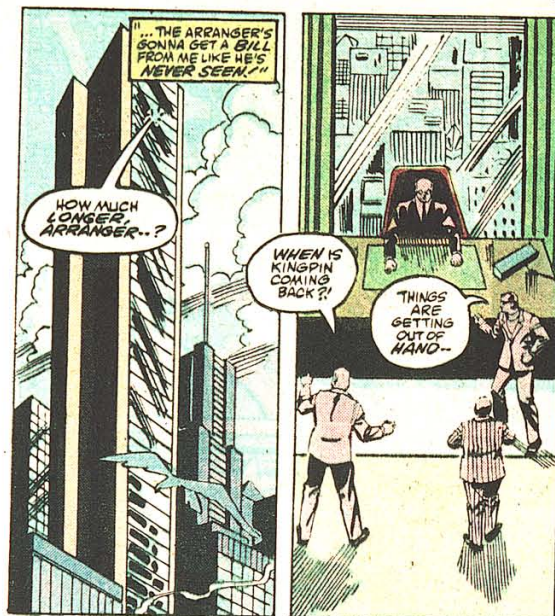
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SOMETIME LATER... NO SIGN OF THE PUNISHER... NOT THAT I REALLY EXPECTED TO FIND HIM. GUN-TOTING NUT CASES ARE USUALLY REAL GOOD AT MELTING INTO THE WOODWORK!

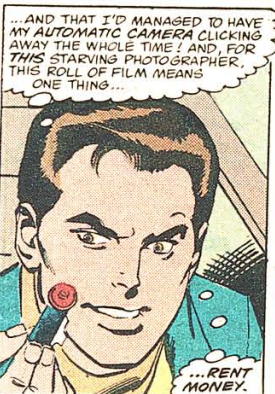


AT LEAST THE PUNISHER SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT THE INNOCENTS WHO COULD BE HURT DURING HIS LITTLE CAMPAIGNS! IT'S THOSE RECKLESS MOB IDIOTS I'M AFRAID OF!

THE KIND OF HUMAN FILTH WHO DOESN'T EVEN CARE WHO GETS HIT IN THE CROSS-FIRE! IT'S THOSE GUYS WHO'VE MADE ME DECIDE TO RIDE GANG WAR OUT AS SPIDER-MAN...



...DESPITE MY DECISION TO HANG UP MY TIGHTS FOREVER! WELL, IF THERE IS A SILVER LINING TO THIS MESS, IT'S THAT NO ONE WAS KILLED IN TODAY'S SHOOTOUT...



...AND THAT I'D MANAGED TO HAVE MY AUTOMATIC CAMERA CLICKING AWAY THE WHOLE TIME! AND, FOR THIS STARKING PHOTOGRAPHER, THIS ROLL OF FILM MEANS ONE THING...

...RENT MONEY.



SOON, IN THE DAILY BUGLE'S CITY ROOM...

HEY-- KATE! I'VE GOT SOME GREAT SHOTS OF THAT SHOOT-OUT AT THE VIDEO ARCADE THIS MORNING--

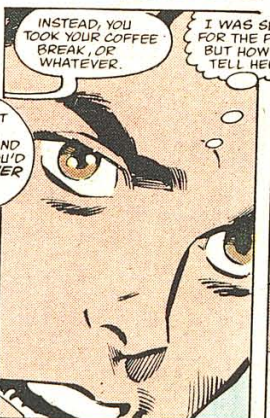


WELL, I'LL TAKE A LOOK, PETER, BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!



UPI PHOTOS WERE CRAWLING ALL OVER THAT SCENE MOMENTS AFTER IT BEGAN. I'VE GOT A STACK OF SHOTS TO CHOOSE FROM AND, CONSIDERING ALL THE OTHER FIREFIGHTS BREAKING OUT NOWADAYS...

THIS ONE REALLY ISN'T THAT BIG A DEAL. I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU, PARKER. IF YOU'D RAN STRAIGHT OVER I MIGHT'VE RUN YOUR SHOTS.



INSTEAD, YOU TOOK YOUR COFFEE BREAK, OR WHATEVER.

I WAS SEARCHING FOR THE PUNISHER-- BUT HOW DO I TELL HER THAT?!



I REALLY NEED TO GET INTO ANOTHER LINE OF WORK...

HEY-- PETER--!



EH--? OH, HI, ANN. ISN'T THAT BETTY LEEDS' DESK...?

YEAH, BUT BETTY CALLED IN SICK NOT THAT SHE'S SICK, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT...



UH... I'M NOT FOLLOWING YOU...

WELL, WHAT WITH HER MARRIAGE FALLING APART AND THE POLICE HUNTING DOWN FLASH THOMPSON-- HER BOYFRIEND-- IT'S NO WONDER!



I'LL BET HER HUSBAND NED CALLS IN SICK TOMORROW. THOUGH, HE'S IN ROBBIE'S OFFICE GETTING CHEWED-OUT RIGHT NOW.



I REALLY DON'T NEED THIS NOW...

LOOK, ANN... I'VE REALLY GOTTA SPL--

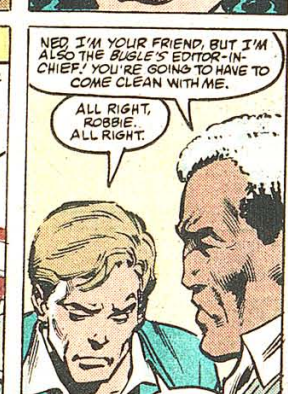
WHY DON'T YOU CALL ME SOMETIME, SPORT?



MEANWHILE, IN JOE ROBERTSON'S OFFICE...

...EMBARRASSING SITUATION, NED. YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME OUT IN THE FIELD, BUT YOU HAVEN'T PRODUCED ENOUGH HARD COPY TO JUSTIFY IT. YOU'VE TOLD YOUR WIFE BETTY YOU'VE BEEN ON UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENTS...

...ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN OUT BY ME...



NED I'M YOUR FRIEND, BUT I'M ALSO THE BUGLE'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COME CLEAN WITH ME.

ALL RIGHT, ROBBIE. ALL RIGHT.

I LIED.



I TOLD MY WIFE THOSE THINGS TO HIDE THE FACT THAT I'VE BEEN FEELING... WELL... INADEQUATE. I'VE BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE BUGLE'S "STAR" REPORTER... BEN URICH.

BEN GETS THE FRONT PAGE. BEN GETS THE BYLINE. BEN IS ALL MY "FELLOW REPORTERS" TALK ABOUT WHEN WE GET TOGETHER!

IT SICKENS ME.



SO, FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS I'VE PUT ALL MY TIME AND ALL MY ENERGY INTO RESEARCHING A NEW STORY. A BIG STORY. ROBBIE.

PULITZER MATERIAL.

WE'RE TRYING TO RUN A NEWS-PAPER, SON. NOT WIN PRIZES.



ALL I NEED IS CERTAIN INFORMATION ON SOVIET SPY ACTIVITIES DURING THE COLD WAR OF THE EARLY SIXTIES.

...AND I'LL BE READY TO LET YOU IN.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH NOW?



WITHOUT THE FACTS TO BACK ME UP, THIS'LL JUST SOUND LIKE A BAD SPY NOVEL. NO, ROBBIE, WHEN I GIVE THIS TO YOU, IT'LL BE BULLET-PROOF!

THEN MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO HEAR BEN'S NAME SO BLASTED MUCH.

WHOOPS-- SORRY, FELLAS.



IF THIS ARRANGER HITS *DOES* GO DOWN, THE *ROSE* WILL BE NEXT.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT, BEN?



IT'S OKAY, BEN. NED AND I WERE DONE, ANYWAY.

HOT FLASH FOR YOU, ROBBIE-- WORD ON THE STREET IS HAMMERHEAD PUT OUT A CONTRACT ON THE ARRANGER!



LOOKS LIKE HAMMERHEAD WANTS TO TAKE OUT THE KINGPIN'S YES-MAN AND TAKE OVER. EITHER HE FIGURES THE KINGPIN'S NOT COMING BACK, OR THAT HE CAN HANDLE HIM IF HE DOES.



THE *ROSE* WILL BE THE LAST MAJOR PLAYER IN TOWN TO CHALLENGE HAMMERHEAD. I'M SURE HAMMERHEAD'S DISCOUNTING ALL THE KINGPIN'S LIEUTENANTS AS OVER-EDUCATED DOPES.

THE *ROSE* HAS A LOT OF MUSCLE TOO, BEN. HE'S NOT JUST GOING TO ROLL OVER FOR HAMMERHEAD.

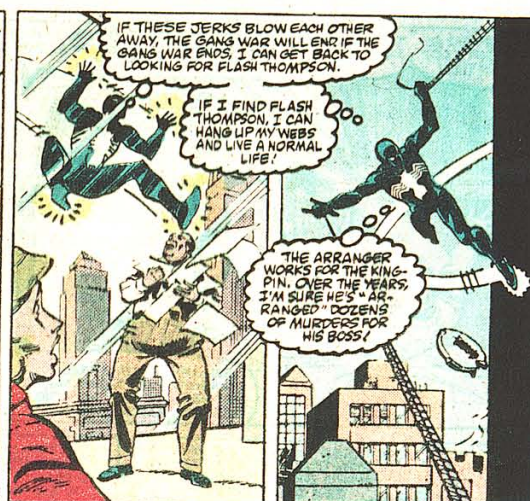


TELL YOU *ONE* THING, THOUGH. NO MATTER WHICH WAY THIS GANG WAR GOES... THIS TOWN'S IN FOR SOME *REAL* FIREWORKS.



LATER... I FELT REALLY SKEEVEY LEAVES DRIPPING OUTSIDE ROBBIE'S DOOR LIKE THAT, BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT.

SO, HAMMERHEAD'S PLANNING TO KILL THE ARRANGER? BUT WHEN? WHERE? AND, THE BEST QUESTION OF ALL... SHOULD I EVEN CARE?



IF THESE JERKS BLOW EACH OTHER AWAY, THE GANG WAR WILL END! IF THE GANG WAR ENDS, I CAN GET BACK TO LOOKING FOR FLASH THOMPSON.

IF I FIND FLASH THOMPSON, I CAN HANG UP MY WEBS AND LIVE A NORMAL LIFE!

THE ARRANGER WORKS FOR THE KINGPIN. OVER THE YEARS, I'M SURE HE'S "ARRANGED" DOZENS OF MURDERS FOR HIS BOSS!



MAYBE THE LITTLE RAT'S GETTING WHAT HE DESERVES! STILL, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE WHERE AND WHEN OF ALL THIS. INNOCENTS MAY BE INVOLVED!

SO, I STILL THINK I SHOULD BUT IN AND TRY TO KEEP THIS NIGHTMARE FROM CLAIMING MORE INNOCENT VICTIMS!



STILL LATER... ...SO EVERYTHING'S SET, BOSS! THE ARRANGER'S CALLED A GENERAL MEETING OF ALL THE KINGPIN'S LIEUTENANTS FOR TONIGHT. MY BOYS'VE STAKED OUT THE AREA...

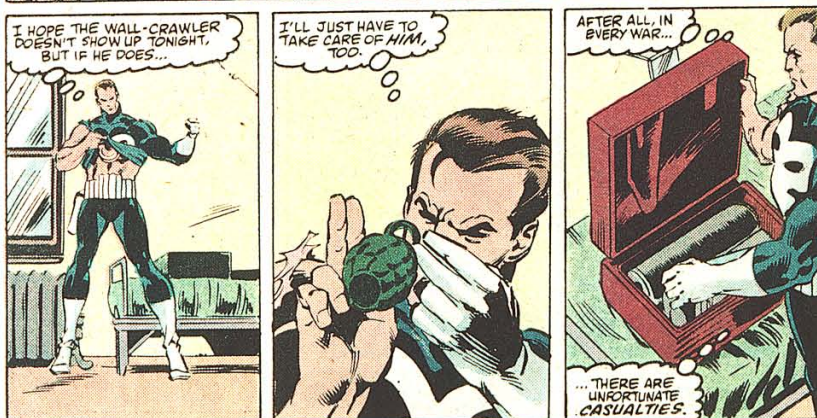
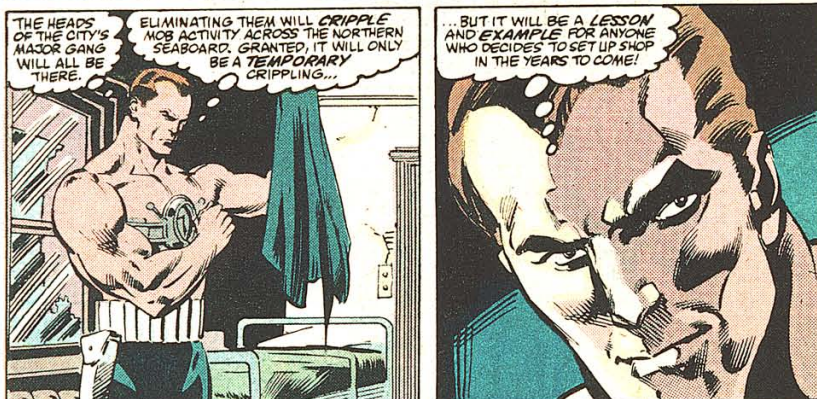
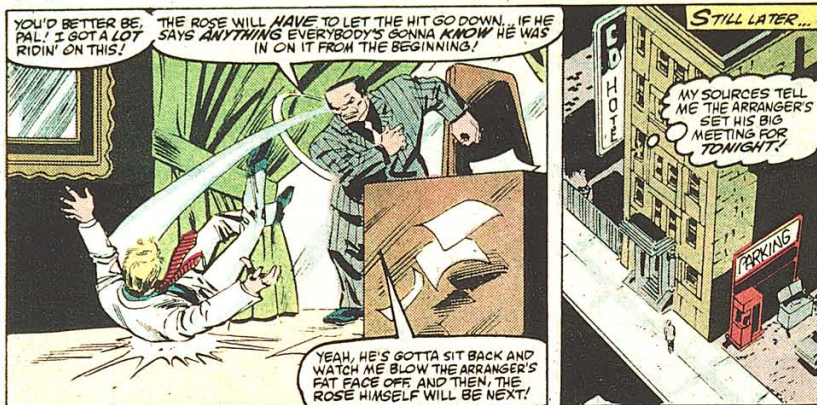
...WE CAN FINALLY NAIL THE WORM!



YOU SURE, MOE? YOU *REAL* SURE??!



I'M...VERY... SURE...



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STAR BRAND

Ken's first battle using the power of the Star Brand ended:

- A. ☐ In downtown Pittsburgh
B. ☐ In the Laurel Mountains
C. ☐ On the moon
D. ☐ At a slag dump

When Spitfire and the Troubleshooters demanded information from Ken, he answered by:

- A. ☐ Flying away too fast to be seen
B. ☐ Twisting a wrench into "sculpture"
C. ☐ Snapping a bolt in half
D. ☐ Lying

SPITFIRE AND THE TROUBLESHOOTERS

What is "Fastball"?

- A. ☐ Jenny's semi
B. ☐ Tim Ferris' M.A.X. armor
C. ☐ Terry's favorite drink
D. ☐ Major Benton's Smith & Wesson

What is "Spitfire"?

- A. ☐ Jenny Swensen's childhood nickname
B. ☐ The M.A.X. armor codename
C. ☐ Karl Swensen's password into his computer files
D. ☐ All of the above

PSI-FORCE

The stolen CIA list had eight names on it. Who claimed that one of those eight was missing and two others were dead?

- A. ☐ Colby Shaw
B. ☐ The Skipper
C. ☐ The Director
D. ☐ Emmett Proudhawk

Who claimed two people were missing and one other was dead?

- A. ☐ Colby Shaw
B. ☐ The Skipper
C. ☐ The Director
D. ☐ Emmett Proudhawk

NIGHTMASK

Where is Dr. Ballard originally from?

- A. ☐ Haiti
B. ☐ Brooklyn Heights
C. ☐ Jamaica
D. ☐ Georgetown

What is Mr. Steel afraid of losing?

- A. ☐ His company
B. ☐ His life
C. ☐ His wife
D. ☐ Control

MARK HAZZARD: MERC

In the New York City incident, Mal was delayed because he needed a ...

- A. ☐ Train to stop the truck
B. ☐ Helicopter to trail the car
C. ☐ Tank to stop the train
D. ☐ Truck to stop the bus

What type of gun was Hazzard assembling in issue three?

- A. ☐ MG-08
B. ☐ .45 ACP
C. ☐ Aug-Sa
D. ☐ .120 Mauser

KICKERS INC.

What happened to Jack's brother, Steve?

- A. ☐ He became the coach of the team
B. ☐ He left New York for a Philadelphia team
C. ☐ He was killed by the loan sharks
D. ☐ He was fired

What is Jack's nickname?

- A. ☐ Big John
B. ☐ Mr. Magnifico
C. ☐ Mr. Magnifico
D. ☐ Jack Fury

D.P.

D.P. stands for:

- A. ☐ Dangerous Persons
B. ☐ Danger Patrol
C. ☐ Disaster Potential
D. ☐ Displaced Paranormals

The Clinic is operated by:

- A. ☐ National Institute for Paranormal Research
B. ☐ Project: Paranormality
C. ☐ The Sanctuary Foundation
D. ☐ Department of Paranormal Activities

JUSTICE

For which law enforcement agency does Rebecca Chambers work?

- A. ☐ Department of Labor
B. ☐ Department of Welfare Services
C. ☐ Department of Justice
D. ☐ Department of Health, Education and Welfare

What happened to Justice's right hand?

- A. ☐ It grew an extra finger
B. ☐ He sprained it
C. ☐ It withered due to exposure to pollutants in the Earth's atmosphere
D. ☐ He lost it in an encounter with a monster

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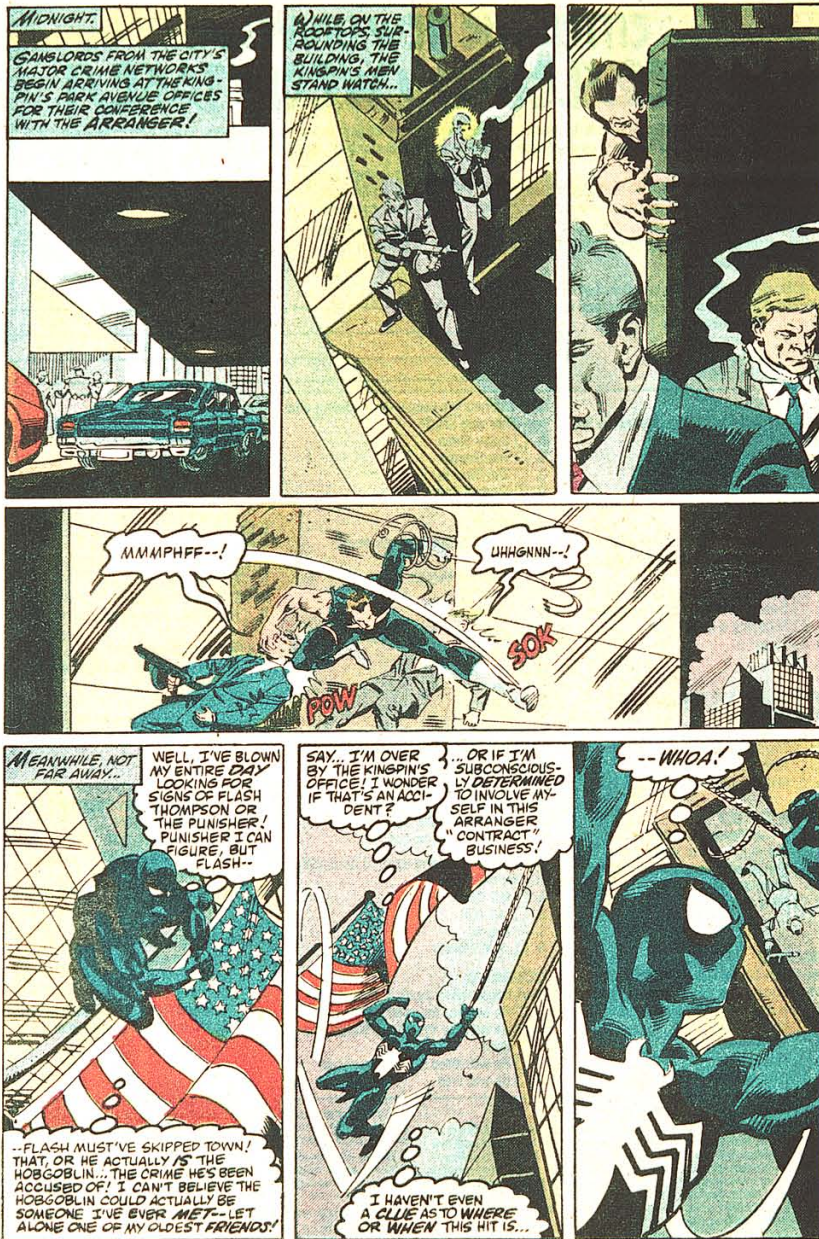
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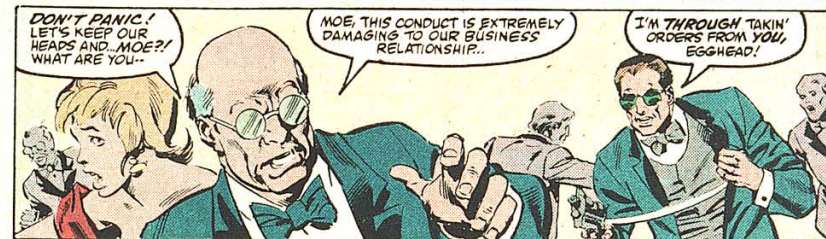
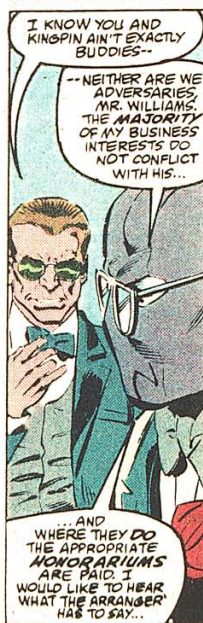
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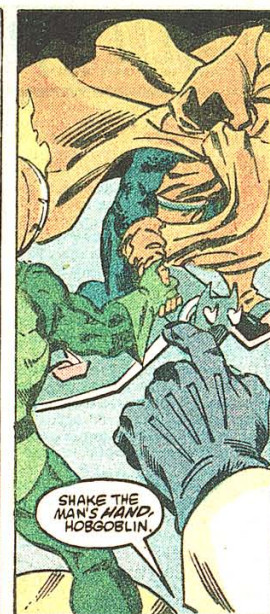
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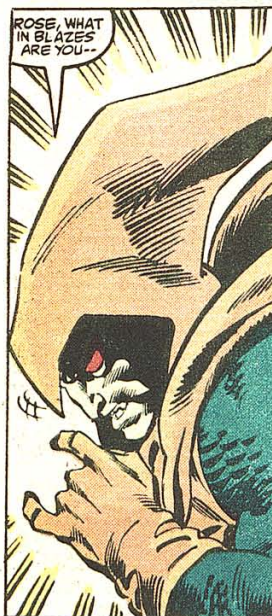
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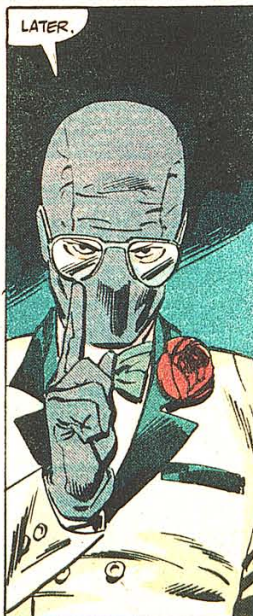
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EXIT

BULLPEN BULLETINS

About ten years ago, a lawyer friend of mine told me that I could sue DC Comics for a million dollars or more. The lawyer, a lady who'd worked in the comics business for many years, had discovered that I'd started writing professionally for DC Comics in 1965 when I was thirteen years old, and had written many dozens of stories for DC's top-selling titles while I was between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. Because I was a *minor*, she said, the legal agreements that I'd signed granting DC ownership of the stories I'd written and the characters I'd created [two of which were featured in their own series] were meaningless. She told me that I owned those stories, and would be entitled to all the income DC had received from licensing them for publication worldwide, or statutory copyright damages, whichever was greater. She said the case was airtight, and urged me to pursue it.

I never even considered it for a moment.

You see, I'd been offered the same deal as everybody else in comics in those days, and, minor or not, I'd understood it perfectly. Moreover, I'd agreed to it *enthusiastically*—thrilled to have the chance to write comics, and very glad to be paid what I was paid, because my family needed that money.

It wouldn't be right to go back on the deal.

Recently, a reporter from Phoenix asked me, "Do you think your comics provide good role models for your younger readers?" That's a pretty standard question, and I

gave it the standard answer—that providing good role models is not our goal. We don't try to preach morals or values—business, we feel, best left to parents and educators. We're *entertainers*. Our business is telling good stories.

He seemed happy with that answer, and the interview moved on. Since then, however, I've given that subject more thought. The fact is that a good story must leave the reader with something more than he started with—a thought, an idea, an insight... What thoughts, ideas and insights were conveyed to me when I was a reader?

The *Amazing Spider-Man* was my favorite title back then. I identified with Peter Parker, because he and his Aunt May had money troubles just like my family did. Often his need was desperate, and he was faced with a choice between doing the self-serving, expedient thing and doing the *right* thing. He wasn't a paragon. Once or twice he slipped. Hey, he was only human. But, you know, I could tell that he learned from his mistakes, and in the end, when it counted, he always chose to do the *right* thing.

My lawyer friend's name came up in conversation the other day, reminding me of my choice not to sue DC. It occurred to me then that Peter Parker wouldn't have done it either.

Jim Shooter
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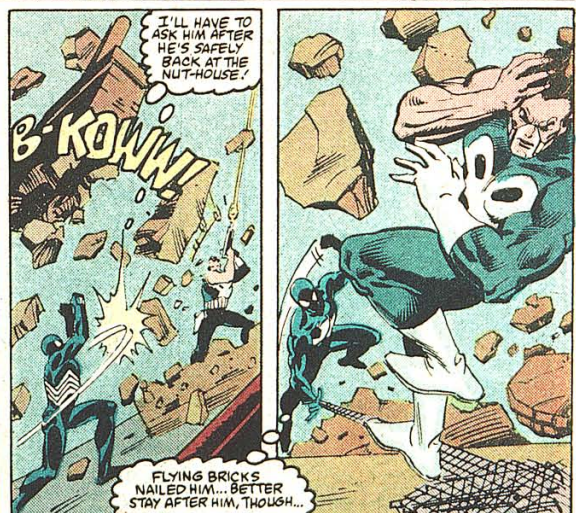
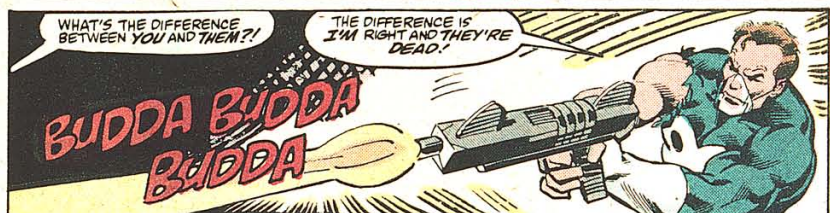
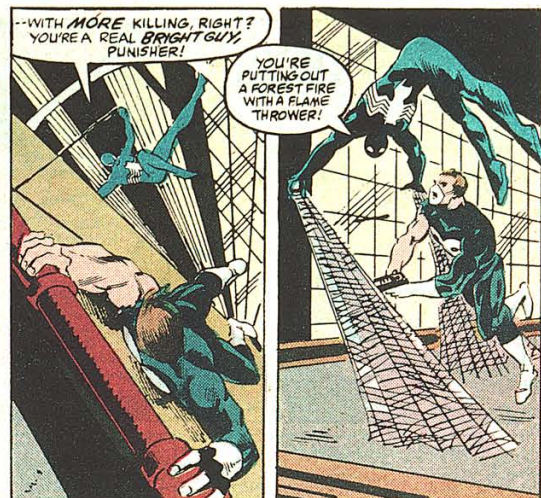
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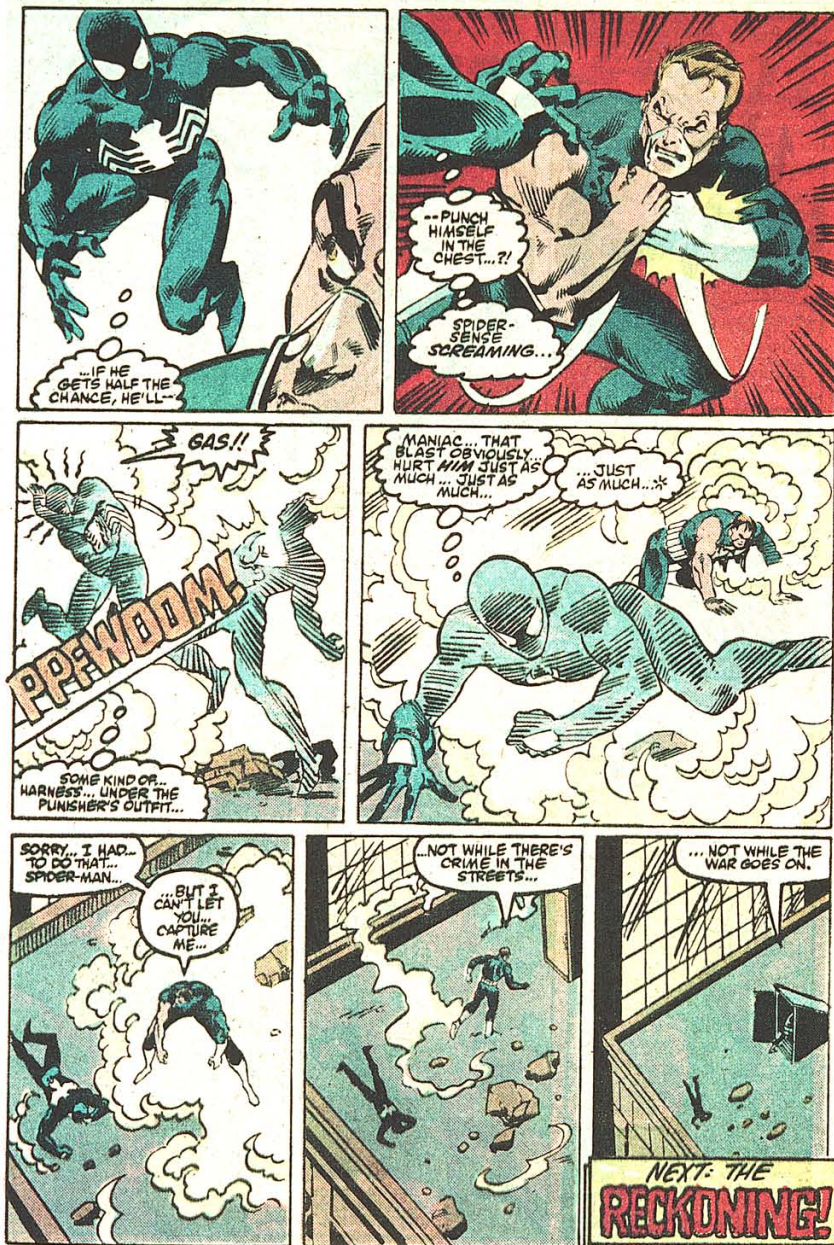
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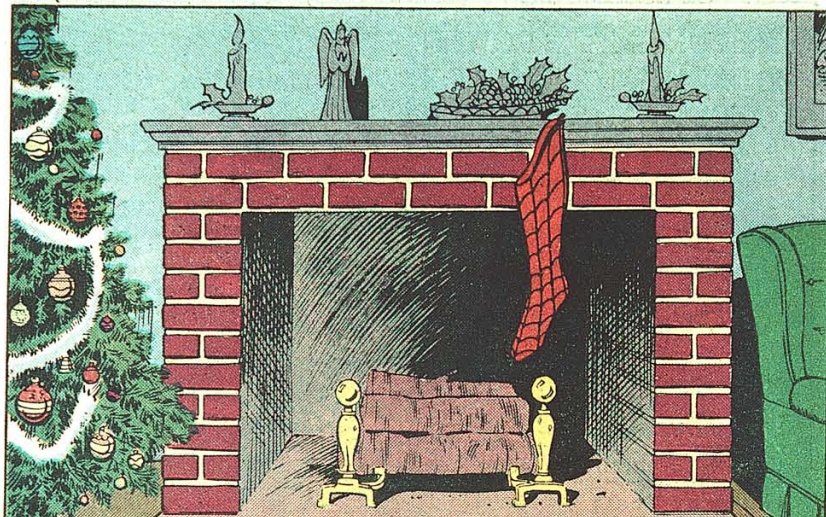


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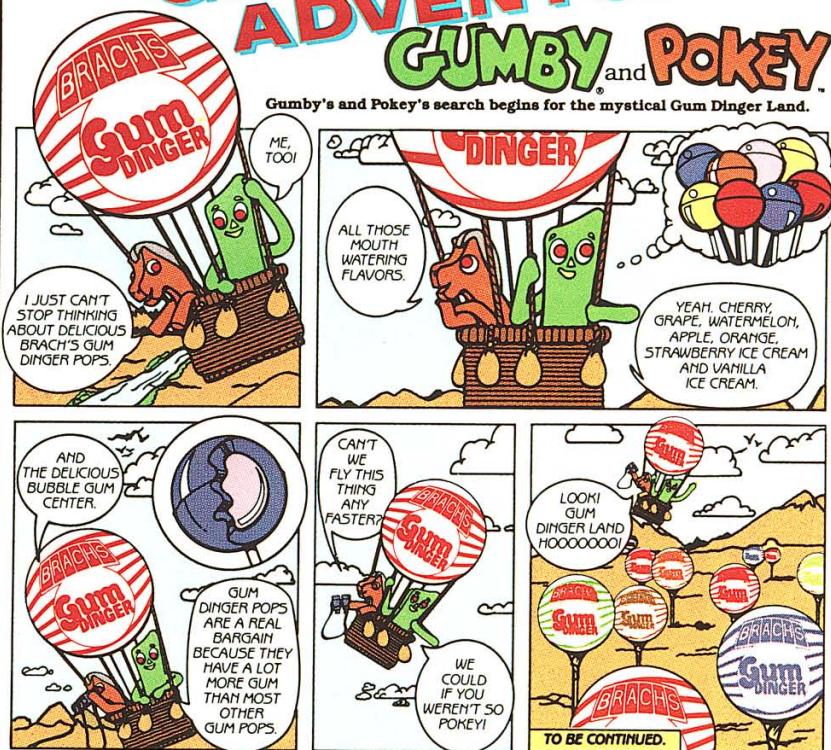
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